GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:287
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2016
Counterfeit Currency
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) seized during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the number of persons arrested along with inter-State or international gangs found to have been involved in printing and circulation of FICN;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the origin of FICN and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has assessed the deleterious impact of FICN on the economy of the country; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Government to check printing and circulation of FICN in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*287 FOR 6.12.2016.

(a) & (b): As per the data maintained by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) the State/Union Territory wise number/value of counterfeit currency recovered and seized and the number of accused in these cases during the last three years i.e 2013, 2014, 2015 & current year (up to 30.09.2016) is placed at Annexure A, B , C and D.

(c): Available inputs seem to indicate that the likely origin of Fake Indian Currency Notes is mainly a neighbouring country.

(d): The use of FICN is one of the causes of parallel shadow economy which corrodes and eats into the vitals of the country's economy. It can generate inflation and deprive government of its legitimate revenues. FICN may also be used for various subversive activities and terror financing.

(e): The Government has taken various measures to check the printing and circulation of FICN in the country which, inter alia, include, cancelling the legal tender character of high denomination bank notes of
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Rs 500 and Rs 1000, strengthening the legal regime by amendments in the Unlawful Activities(Prevention) Act, 1967, setting up a special FICN Coordination Centre in the Ministry of Home Affairs to share intelligence and information among the different security agencies of the Centre and the States, constituting a Terror Funding and Fake Currency Cell in National Investigation Agency(NIA) to investigate terror funding and fake currency cases, incorporating the new security features/designs in the bank notes to stay ahead of counterfeiters and raising the issue of pushing of FICN into India by the neighbouring country in various bilateral and multilateral fora.

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